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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, OVIP (WEIR, MICHAEL)

SUBJECT: VISIT BY FCO ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY WEIR TO
WASHINGTON

REF: LONDON 0583

1. PLEASE INFORM WEIR THAT WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE HIS
OFFER OF EARLY BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON THE MIDDLE EAST,
INCLUDING HOW TO HANDLE EC ACTIONS ON THE ARAB-ISRAELI
ISSUE SO AS TO AVOID CUTTING ACROSS USG EFFORTS. WE AGREE
IN PRINCIPLE TO SUCH TALKS IN THE EARLY FEBRUARY TIME FRAME
BUT WOULD LIKE TO KEEP THE PRECISE TIMING OPEN FOR THE
MOMENT. OUR THINKING IS THAT PRIMARY DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE
WITH UNDER SECRETARY HABIB AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON.

2. IN CONVEYING FOREGOING TO WEIR, PLEASE EMPHASIZE THAT
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WE WILL NOT BE IN A POSITION AT THAT EARLY STAGE TO SAY
WHAT THE DIRECTION AND NATURE OF U.S. EFFORTS IN THE MIDDLE
EAST WILL BE. NEVERTHELESS, IT IS CLEAR THAT MIDDLE EAST
WILL BE RECEIVING EARLY POLICY ATTENTION AND IT WILL BE
USEFUL TO HAVE THE BENEFIT OF BRITISH THINKING, AND TO HAVE
THIS PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AS OUR OWN THINKING
EVOLVES.

3. WE AGREE IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO CONDUCT THESE TALKS
WITHOUT PUBLICITY AND FOR OUR PART WILL TREAT THIS AS
STRICTLY BILATERAL MATTER ON A NEED-TO-KNOW BASIS.
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